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Press statement - Magnesium Alloy Wheels

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PRESS STATEMENT: 17th December, 1970.

FROM: THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN)

SUBJECT: MAGNESIUM ALLOY WHEELS

The Premier (Mr. Dunstan) said today there was no evidence that police had been told to lean on the magnesium alloy wheel trade.

He said the original newspaper report on tests carried out by Professor D.R. Miller querying the safety of magnesium alloy wheels had not been released by the Police Department or any other Government Department.

"Nor did the Police Department ask Professor Miller to report on the wheels.

"Some magnesium alloy wheels were supplied to him by the Police Department following a request he had made to them."

Mr. Dunstan said several people in the magnesium alloy wheel industry had suggested the best way to assure the public that the wheels were safe would be to establish an Australian standard for them.

In view of this, Mr. Dunstan said he had asked the Minister of Roads and Transport (Mr. Virgo) to take the matter up with the Transportation Advisory Council.